उपयुक्त ढंग से मनाने का प्रस्ताव विचाराधीन है।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Plantation crops in Kerala

*42. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the Mnister of AGRICULTURE ba pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to advease climatic conditions the plantation crops of Kerala hav sustained heavy losses; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to rehabilitate the culti. vators who have incurred financial losses?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) and (b) According to the Memorandum received from the Government of Kerala seeking additional Central assistance for drought relief measures, plantation crops to the following extent have been affected:

Sl. No.	Crop	Area affected (in hect.)	
		Fully	Partly
1	Banana	1740	4015
2	Coconut	658	52229
3	Arecanut	380	3855
4	Pepper	3763	10293
5	Cocoa	152	880
6	Coffee	134	5558
7	Cardamon	6995	..
8	Rubber	100	13285

The memorandum of the State Government was considered in ^the light of existing scheme of financing relief expenditure and it has been decided that situation in the State cannot be treated as of 'rare severity', warranting its handling at the national level and for providing additional Central assistance. However, in order to augment the resources of the State Government towards relief measures, third instalment of the Central share of Calamity Relief Fund amounting to Rs. 5.81 crores has been released in advance, in addition to the two quarterly shares of Rs. 11.62 crores already released.

Agreement with French Government for Finalising Housing Projects

*43. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of India have recently signed any MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) with the French Government for finalising a saries of proposals in respect of housing projects in the country including credit for financing urban infrastructure as reported in the Financial Express, dated the 25th June, 1992;